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1. SENIOR COMMERCIAL OFFICER STEINS VISITED JAMES ADAM, CHIEF
EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF SOUTH AFRICAN AIRWAYS (SAA), ON FEBRUARY 5,
PRIMARILY TO INFORM HIM OF THE VISIT LATER THIS MONTH OF
REGIONAL CIVIL AIR ATTACHE, EDWARD B. WHITMAN JR. STEINS TOLD
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ADAM WHITMAN WILL BE IN PRETORIA MONDAY FEBRUARY 24 FOR 11

A.M. MEETING THERE WITH DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION; WILL BE IN JOHANNESBURG FEBRUARY 25 AND 26. ADAM WOULD LIKE TO TAKE WHITMAN ON A TOUR OF SOUTH AFRICAN AIRWAYS FACILITIES AT JAN SMUTS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, OF WHICH HE IS PROUD, AND ASKS THAT WHITMAN SET ASIDE THE MORNING OF WEDNESDAY 26TH FOR THAT TOUR (WITH STEINS), STARTING AT SAA HEADQUARTERS HERE. STEINS HAS TO CONFIRM THIS WITH ADAM SHORTELY, MEANWHILE IS MAKING OTHER APPOINTMENTS FOR WHITMAN FOR TUESDAY 25TH AND AFTERNOON OF 26TH. END UNCLASSIFIED

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2. ADAM SAID THAT SAA WILL SOON BE IN NEED OF NEW AIRCRAFT, BOTH FOR EXPANSION OF ITS SERVICE AND FOR REPLACEMENT OF OLD AIRPLANES. HE MENTIONED THAT SAA'S FIRST THREE BOEING 707'S , NOW RESTRICTED TO DOMESTIC FLIGHTS, WILL BE 15 YEARS OLD NEXT JULY AND ARE NEARING THE END OF THEIR SERVICEABILITY. ADAM POINTED OUT SAA RELIES HEAVILY ON AMERICAN AIRCRAFT AND HAS, IN FACT, FOR 43 YEARS. HE VOLUNTEERED THAT SAA WILL CHOOSE NEW AIRCRAFT, AS BEFORE, ON ECONOMIC GROUNDS. BUT HE CLAIMED THERE IS STRONG POLITICAL PRESSURE BEING EXERTED FOR THE PURCHASE OF FRENCH AIRCRAFT, AND HE INTIMATED THE FINAL PURCHASE DECISION WILL BE MADE AT HIGH LEVELS OF THE SAG.
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